COMMENTS ON SPORTS

BASEBALL

The training season is now underway, and from the looks of things so far there will be a hot race in each major circuit.

The National should have the best race. With a new manager and the sting of defeat in 1959 looking at them in the mirror, the Milwaukee Braves, the big dogs in the senior loop in recent years, may be much tougher.

This will depend, to a large extent, on the pitching. If Warren Spahn can keep it up---and he's not any younger this year--along with Lou Burdette and a couple of the younger, promising pitchers, the Braves could take the pennant.

But the Dodgers, defending champs, promise to be strong again, too. The Giants of Frisco will be tougher this year than last -----and they were the best up until the last month. The Pirates could be stronger also.

That's four possibles, and there could be a surprise contender, too.

In the American, the Yankees are sure to be better, or heads will roll. Boston, we assume,, cannot be counted a contender. The Tigers, with great pitching, have a slim hope. The Indians and the White Sox will be contenders unless things go awfully sour for them.

If Herb Score can weave his magic again, this would make up for the loss of Call McLish for Cleveland. The Sox are sure to be tougher competition and they won a lot of one-run games last year. They will have to do better to repeat.

In the opinion of this writer the Sox are strengthened. Cleveland can certainly use a man like Jonny Temple and if Score is right again they will also be stronger.

The Yankees will be stronger in pitching but to win it they may need a hot Whitey Ford and a hot Bob Turley, too. It seems that everyone but Bobby Richardson was off for the Yanks last year and one couldnot bank on that a second successive year.

The Tigers have improved a mite and did well under Jimmy Dykes after he replaced Bill Norman---but they will have to learn to beat Cleveland if they are serious contenders.

In any event, it looks like two races, at least. Both Kansas City and Washington may be stronger and Baltimore could be a first division threat---so the average punch in the junior loop should be greater this year than last. Only Boston seems weaker---with the lost of Jackie Jensen and possibly the loss of Ted Williams, if that neck doesnot come around.

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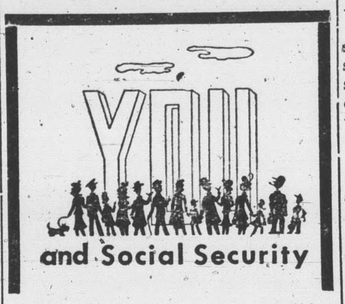

and Social Security

All persons who were receiving Social Security benefit checks or filed for benefits before December 31, 1959 are required to file an annual report of their earnings before April 15, 1960, provided their earned income for 1959 was more than $1,200.

The law requires all persons who have filed an application to receive Social Security benefits, whether they are receiving the benefits or not, and have earned over $1200, to file an annual report of earnings with the Social Security Administration. This report does not have to be filed by those persons who were over 72 years of age during all of 1959.

The report should not be confused with the Income Tax report, as they are two different reports entirely. Although the income tax, itself, may not be payable, the annual report must always be filed if the earnings exceed $1200.

Failure to file the report before the April 15 deadline may cost the person a pentlty of at least one month's benefits. Therefore, caution should be taken to file your report on time.

If you have any doubt in your mind as to whether you should file an annual report of earnings or if you desire any further information concerning Social Security, you may contact the office in Lynchburg or see Mr. Donald H. Renner, who is at the court house in Appomattox on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 A. M.

Her Goal

"I can assure you that a good woman's thoughts rise above dress."

"That's right. She's probably thinking of a new hat."

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Farm News

J. A. SMITH, County Agent

Since 1947, food prices have risen about 26 percent, compared with many other common costs of living items that have risen 50 percent. The farmers' share of the food increase is only 4 percent.

What's your system? It is recommended that sows be farrowed two or more times a year - multiple farrowing. This enables the hog producer to use the farrowing house several times a year, make more efficient use of labor, market hogs all through the year, and have a constant supply of pigs to keep or sell as feeder pigs.

A fence is no better than its corner post. Are you using treated post? How about the horizontal bracing?

Even though it's winter, animals still need salt. Animals vary considerably in their requirements for salt so it should be supplied free choice in addition to what is mixed with feeds.

Many segments of agriculture are endorsing the idea of buying and selling grain by hundredweight rather than bushel. There are many good reasons why (1) Help elimate possible computation errors when selling; (2) elimate conversion from bushels to hundredweight and back again in the handling and processing (3) make easier comparison of feeding values if the unit of measurement is standard for all feeds; (4) make it eaiser to determine production and yields.

Time to think about some strawberries. One of the following will yield well in this county, Pocahontas Tennessee Beauty, or Southland. Insist on virus-free plants, not grown from virus free plants. There is a difference and a big one. Visual examination will not show the presence of the virus, but the difference is in yields.

Mastitis shows nopreference except to the man who practices good management. Drugs will not do the job. Permanent control comes through removal of cause and correct treatment. Here are some things that can be done to prevent or limit mastitis infection: (1) Keep the barn in sanitary condition and lots free of excess mud, trash and equipment that may cause injury to the udder; (2) make sure the milking machine is milking at correct speed and vacuum. Check inflation - are they in good condition? (3) Prepare for milking by washing udder and teats with a warm disinfectant solution. Dip teats following milking. (4) use the strip cup; (5) Keep cows out of drafts so as not to be unduly exposed (6) Groom cows to keep them clean.

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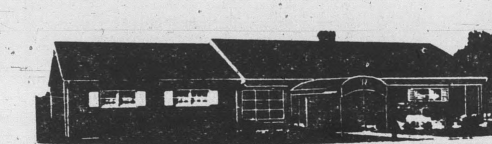
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all, March 14.- I am so had to miss getting any the paper last week, but he illness of my husband very deep snow, I had to want in the beginning to my dear friends, relagood neighbors for every indness shown to us since s. We appreciate all so may God's richest bless and abide with you all. say thanks so very much kindness in every way.

d Mrs. Rufus Burnette nday in Lynchburg, with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and family.

Mr. Jessie Davidson visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and children, of Spout Spring spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard Sr. and Malcolm Drinkard were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Jr., in Lynchburg on last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dysse and baby Robert Monroe Jr., are spending some time in Mobile, Alabama, with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children and Miss Charlene Thomas, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Rev. Aaron Smith preached at Bethel Church on Sunday morning. Due to illness around here, there was a small attendance.

Mr. E. L. Chick, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks was visited by the following Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Sr.; Mr. Tye Cobb Drinkard, Mr. Glenn Drinkard and Mrs. Lucy Drinkard, of Lynchburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson. We wish for Mr. Chick a speedy get well.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. C. M. Stratton is also on our sick list. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Rev. and Mrs. John Leitner were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr., on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and Barbara Jean visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler at Rustburg last Sunday.

Miss Laura Carson, of Longwood College, Farmville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Jr., of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson and baby, of Richmond, are spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Davidson.

Mrs. W. R. Stratton, of Appomattox visited in our community last Sunday.

Mr. J. O. Davidson fell off his truck last week, but we are glad to hear that he was not hurt very badly. Wish for him a speedy get well.

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Pamplin, March 16.- Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wingfield, of Richmond were week-end visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. H. T. Terry.

Miss Kay Winsett, of Richmond, spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Payne.

Carey Miller, of V. P. I., spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Pankey, of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Parsons and family, of Richmond spent Sunday with Mrs. E. L. Pankey.

We are glad that Mr. Robert Williams is home, from the McGuire Hospital.

Guests of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Lizzie P. Robinson Sunday P. M. were Mr. and Mrs. Horton Miller Southall, of Lynchburg, and Dr. and Mrs. Rixey Southall, Jr., and sons, Al and Frank, of Louisa, Va.

Miss Cassie Baldwin and Mrs. Vera Crump spent Saturday in Farmville.

Phenomena

Carl Junction, Mo.- After a tornado struck the farm of Gene Bryant, he found that his 14 cows and 5 hogs were not even scratched, but the barn in which they were housed had vanished.

The twister developed out of a nearly cloudless sky while the family was gathered at home. No one was injured.

Renew your subscription.

Richwood

Richwood, March 15.- Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin and children, of Goldsboro, N. C., spent the week-end in the homes of J. A. Blazer and H. C. Martin.

Mr. J. R. Roark of Lynchburg visited his sister, Mrs. H. C. Martin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pugh and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Page Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James Cordell visited her sister, Mrs. Irvin Hudson on Friday night.

Mrs. Troy Blazer is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wooldridge, in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hicks Friday.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, March 15.- Two from hospitals were brought home Sunday. Miss Maggie Hix, who has been in Southside Community Hospital for a month, came home. Although she was weak, she stood the trip very well. Mrs. W. M. Erwin, her sister from North Carolina, is nursing her.

Mrs. Witt Baldwin left Lynchburg General Hospital, after a ten-day stay for treatment.

Mr. DeWitt Goin has been housebound this winter and spring, if anyone can call this March Spring.

Mrs. Audrey Webb Fox arrived by plane from Baker's Field, California, on Wednesday, to attend her brother's, Mr. George Edward Webb, Jr.'s funeral on Thursday. His sudden passing away came as a sad surprise to many friends of the family.

The funeral service was held at Robinson Funeral Home in Appomattox, with interment in Liberty Cemetery.

Besides being survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Bayles Webb, formerly of Amelia, he leaves three daughters Linda Kay, Barbara Leigh and Denise Anne, and a son, Michael Edward.

Mrs. Lucy Marshall Gilliam, who spent her girlhood at Hixburg, is sick and is in a nursing home in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Covington, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington attended the funeral service for their uncle, Mr. Arnold Covington, at Dague-Burger Funeral Home, in Farmville on Sunday afternoon, with interment in Fairview Cemetery.

His eight nephews were pallbearers. These included Mr. Henry and Mr. Bob Covington.

Mr. Covington passed away suddenly while on a visit with his daughter in Charlottesville.

Con Brown, who lives alone since his wife was taken to Richmond after being ill, had a surprise greeting. He had walked into his home, about a quarter of a mile from the highway, when he was met by eight hungry cats. Someone had driven in and unloaded them while Mr. Brown was away.

Safety in Numbers?

San Francisco.- Just before closing time, five couples showed up in Judge Albert A. Axelrod's court in San Francisco. He had already performed the marriage ceremony 15 times that day.

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Britain decides to bar TV in Parliament.

Guinea ends financial ties with France.

Rocks

Rocks, March 14.- Snow seems to be the biggest news in this community.

The school children have had a good time sleigh-riding and snowballing.

We hope to have our Wednesday night church service this week, if the weather permits.

Lloyd Richardson was carrying the mail one day recently.

H. F. Martin broke a rib last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson and Ronnie at Pamplin Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Dinkins and Mrs. Mildred Inge attended preaching at the Evergreen Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore, of Montgomery, W. Va., are spending awhile with her father, A. T. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Thompson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson.

Mrs. Clara Garrett returned home from Richmond Wednesday.

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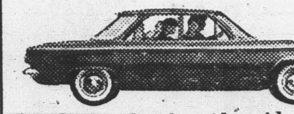
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